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Transfer of SNV equipment and material stocks

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1. For the past few weeks, SIPIAGIN has been directing the transfer of scrap from various SNV installations to Dobermannsdorf and the SNV Lobau warehouse as well as inspecting SNV warehouses from which he has purchased a considerable amount of seamless piping.\* Recently, SIPIAGIN handled the transfer of two five-ton trucks loaded with lead plates, one locomotive equipped with a gasoline engine, and two large aluminum tanks each having a capacity of 15 tons from the Voesendorf refinery to the SNV warehouse at Lobau. He has also directed a shipment of three freight carloads of tank sheeting (Tankblech) from the Lobau warehouse to the SNV Central Warehouse, Neusiedl.\*\* SIPIAGIN has apparently almost completed his work for the SNV Purchasing Office, and it is believed that his next task will be to organize a motor pool and establish a large warehouse in the Matzen oil field area. Contrary to previous reports, 'MTELMAN' will continue his work as SNV purchasing agent.\*\*\* SNV employees believe that 'MTELMAN' rather resents SIPIAGIN, who seems to ignore him; at the same time, SIPIAGIN, though he speaks no German, maintains cordial relations with employees of the SNV Purchasing Office.

Seamless Piping Shipments

2. Between 23 and 29 August 1949, eight carloads containing 2400 sacks of barite weighing a total of 120,620 kilograms, from the Salba Company, Lecco, Italy, and three carloads of iron piping, weighing 68,550 kilograms, from the Andreyeva metallurgical plant, Taganrog, USSR, arrived at the Dobermannsdorf railroad station enroute to the SNV Central Warehouse in Neusiedl.

Shipments to the USSR

3. On 29 August 1949, 2,000 kilograms of bleached yellow Carnauba wax and 1,450 kilograms of Carnauba wax mixture were shipped from the "Okeros"

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refinery at Stockerau to the Soviet Union. Blankets, work clothes, yard goods, office supplies and other items are scheduled for shipment to the USSR on 1 September 1949.\*\*\*\* In this connection, it was noted that six wooden crates designed for trucks, manufactured by Holzbauwerk Franz Havlicek, and marked with cyrillic characters, recently arrived at the SMV warehouse in Lobau.

SMV Purchases

4. From 23 to 29 August 1949, the SMV Purchasing Office made cash payments for the following services and purchases:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Purchase</u>	<u>Payment in Schillings</u>
Juschweschtrans	Transport charges	129,870.05
Donau Chemie	Sulfuric acid	25,350.00
Wiener Kabel-und Metallwerke A. G.	Lacquered wire (Lackdraht)	1,202.93
Schaeffer & Budenberg G.m.b.H.	Pressure gauges	7,111.00
USIA	Barite	16,507.20
Stahl-und Temperguss, Traisen	Gas pipes	14,000.00
Richard Klinger	Brake platform (sic)	11,815.00
"Canada" Tiefbohr-geräte und Maschinenfabrik G.m.b.H.	Deep boring instruments	3,862.00
Haberkorn****	Rubber wedge belts (Gummikeilriemen)	6,563.55
Fiebl *****	Condensers	1,568.60
Wilhelm Neuber A. G.	Hydrochloric acid	1,074.50
Rüttgers Guido Holz-imprägnieranstalt	Impregnating work	501.30
"Chemia" Chemikalien G.m.b.H.	Hydrochloric acid	3,077.48
K.J. Baldauf	Building material	52,079.00
Montanwerke Brixlegg G.m.b.H.	Heavy spar (barite)	19,534.00
Holzbauwerk Franz Havlicek	Lumber	7,494.48

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5. KASURA, Director of the SMV Purchasing Office, continues to emphasize ability rather than Party membership and recently refused to comply with a request from the Austrian Communist Party to discharge a former Nazi, one FAISTAUER, assistant director of the SMV Lobau warehouse, and OERLE, director of the SMV Lobau warehouse.\*\*\*\*\*
6. During recent weeks a number of non-Austrian employees of the SMV have applied for Austrian citizenship, including LASTIVKA, Rumanian national now employed as chief bookkeeper of the SMV Purchasing Office. It is possible that LASTIVKA's present candidacy for election to the post of shop councillor prompted his application for Austrian citizenship. LASTIVKA is probably a Communist and is known to maintain close contact with MVD personnel.\*\*\*\*\* Two known Communists, Frau Dr. WONDERSCH, who is believed to be of Latvian origin, and Frau Dr. LERCH, a Polish national, are also seeking Austrian citizenship. Dr. WONDERSCH, who is about 28 years old, is assigned to SMV headquarters although she works in the oil fields as a cultural leader. Dr. LERCH is about 35 years of age and is now employed as a private secretary for RYABININ, former SMV General Director. \*\*\*\*\*

Werkschutz

7. For the past two months, members of the Werkschutz assigned to the SMV Purchasing Office, Vienna I, Schottengasse, have confined their activities to those hours when the office is officially closed. The Werkschutz has allegedly been delegated additional authority and is now authorized to recommend dismissal of SMV employees.

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\* [REDACTED]

- 25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] regarding the transfer of 75 tons of tank sheeting from the Lobau refinery to the SMV Central Warehouse in Neusiedl.

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- 25X1A \*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: Recent sale of similar items to a Hungarian or Yugoslav purchasing commission was reported [REDACTED] 25X1A

- 25X1A \*\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: Haberkorn is probably identical with F. Haberkorn whose office is listed in the Vienna telephone directory as Lerchenfelderstrasse 57, Vienna VII.

- 25X1A+ \*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: The Wiebl firm may be identical with Friedrich Wiebe, Vienna III, Grosse Stadtgutgasse 20.

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- \*\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: It is not known whether LASTIVKA's status as a non-Austrian candidate for this post is recognized by the Austrian Trade Union Federation. According to an [REDACTED] LASTIVKA was employed by the Austrian Police in the Mariahilf District of Vienna in 1945. SMV employees claim that LASTIVKA attends most of MITELMAN's daily meetings with MVD representatives from the Central Kommandatura. LASTIVKA is married to a Viennese and has one child. He allegedly has numerous connections in Rumanian and Bulgarian circles in Vienna.

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- 25X1A \*\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment: It is possible that Dr. LERCH is doing secretarial work for RYABININ, who, although reported to be in Moscow, is still officially listed on the Soviet personnel roster of the SMV Purchasing Office, [REDACTED] 25X1X

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